

I am reaching out to you in regards to H .170 and S.16. It is my understanding that patients are being asked to testify next week regarding these two bills.

I have been a registered patient for six years. Currently, I have not renewed my card. There is one specific reason for this. I have been registered both with Champlain Valley Dispensary in Burlington and with Grass Roots in Brandon. I had to switch dispensaries because Burlington did not meet my medication needs. More often than not strains listed as available were not available, amounts that could be purchased were quite limited; not due to the current law, but because the dispensary did not have adequate medication in stock for their registered patients.

Both dispensaries sell the medication I am in need of to have quality of life for an amount per gram that is not affordable to me. Thus, spending the \$50.00 renewal fee to Vermont would not make sense for my medication needs.

I would be more than happy to speak with you or any person that might be in a position to help the Vermont registered Cannabis patients be able to access their needed medication. Part of the ability to have access to this medication is, obviously, to be able to grow this PLANT myself, without fear of arrest.

Opioids that are man made, have numerous serious side effects and are addictive are my only other choice to have a good (less pain, anxiety, depression, nausea) quality of life. I must ask you, Julie, which would you rather yourself or a loved one was able to utilize? Thank you for your time and consideration.